



Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

First National Bank Grant

The First National Bank in Tremont Receives Grant to Support Local Nonprofit Organizations Affected by the Pandemic

The First National Bank in Tremont has been awarded a \$20,000 COVID-19 Relief Program grant from the FHLBank Chicago to support local nonprofit organizations affected by the pandemic.

These funds have been forwarded to the Tremont Betterment Association to help offset the losses due to the cancellation of the Tremont Turkey Festival this year. Proceeds from this festival have funded a multitude of Tremont community organizations and activities for the past 54 years and the cancellation leaves a huge deficit in funds for next year. According to June Kidd, President/CEO of The First National Bank in Tremont, "We are thrilled to be able to forward these funds to the Tremont Betterment Association. This is what community banking is all about!"

"The Tremont Betterment Association would like to thank The First National Bank in Tremont for awarding our organization this community grant. While we are unable to have our annual Turkey Festival in 2020, we continue to have obligations to our reserved funds within our organization, such as the Tremont Pool, the scholarship fund and the Veteran's memorial fund for flags. This grant will enable us to continue to contribute to our reserved funds, so that we can fund these projects. Many thanks to The First National Bank in Tremont for awarding TBA this grant," says Jason Kreiling, President of Tremont Betterment Association.



Kim Wicks Jason Kreiling June Kidd Michelle Kreiling Margi Csesznegi
 TBA Treasurer TBA President President/CEO FNBT TBA Vice President TBA Secretary

Tremont Library Activities

Tremont District Library is encouraging patrons of all ages to get creative with storytelling to celebrate this year's Summer Reading theme, "Imagine Your Story!" After the last several months, we are willing to bet you are all professionals at getting creative and exploring new ways to learn and grow. Even though things have been uncertain recently and Summer Reading may look a little different this year, we want you to know we will still be offering a Summer Reading Game and programming for all ages this summer.

Here are some things to look forward to:

100 Books this Summer (ages birth-5)

The goal is simple, read 100 books this summer and get prizes! This game goes hand in hand with our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program.

Kids' Summer Reading Game (ages 5-12)

Take part in a reading journey to track how much you read and get prizes in return!

Teen & Adult Summer Reading

Check in throughout the summer and let us know you've been reading. Most years we do prize drawings, but this year all finishers will get a prize!

Registration for all Summer Reading Games begins June 1st!

Programming

Look for video Story Hour sessions, Take-It, Make-It crafts, video art lessons, Story Walks, virtual Escape Rooms and much more from Tremont Library.

We encourage you to stay up-to-date with the library through our Facebook or on our website at www.tremontlibrary.com.

More information about how to participate in Summer Reading will be posted in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (309) 925-5432. We hope your family will join us for a fun-filled summer!

Materials Return

The library's book drop, located on the back of our building, will be open with limited hours from 9:30AM-1PM Monday-Friday until further notice. (The next step will be opening the bookdrop 24/7. We'll let you know when we've reached that phase!) Please practice safe social distancing when using our back parking lot and patio.

Books must be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned, so items will remain on your card for 3 days after returning.

Remember there are no fines at this time. There is no obligation to return your items yet. Your items are not due until June.

This is the first step to us getting ready to be able to start in-person services again (yay!) We would like to get as much of our collection back, quarantined, and ready to be checked out again before we open for curbside.

Did you know...?

A Key Business Corner

Catty-corner from the grade school learning garden – or otherwise known as the SW corner of E. South and S. James, has always been a “key” business corner. Today, The Library Store warehouse stands in that location. The Library Store quietly provides supplies and furniture to libraries and schools nationally.

But if we peel back the layers, it was the site of the state-of-the-art Sauder Feed Mill, owned by Willis Sauder. Later it was sold to Tazewell Service Company. Then, on March 30, 1982, lightning struck, causing a terrible fire. Al Sanders, the Tremont Fire Chief at the time, said it took two days to put it completely out. Others remember that the water tower was drained in the effort. It was a terrible loss for the community.

Peeling back another layer, we would see the Commercial Hotel, also called the Commercial House Hotel. This hotel would have been necessary at a time when traveling from one place to another was much slower than we are used to, resulting sometimes in an overnight stay. This hotel hosted many guests for several years before being torn down.

Prior to that, it may have been the Tremont House Hotel, 1867-1917. We know about the Tremont House, but still are not certain of the location. More information may turn up that will allow us to see more layers. Next time you pass that business corner, try to picture it as it was in years past.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



The Library Store warehouse, Sauder Feed Mill, and the Commercial Hotel

Tremont Park District

2020 Tremont Pool Season

Tremont Area Park District is committed to providing safe, clean, family-friendly facilities and programs. We continue to follow the provisions set forth by state, federal, and local governing bodies, as well as public health organizations in relation to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

After careful consideration, TAPD has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 swim season at Tremont Public Pool. A variety of factors lead to this decision, including informed discussion with area park district leaders and the Tremont Area Park District Board of Commissioners.

The Illinois Department of Public Health is not currently allowing the operation of any public swimming pools within the state of Illinois. The Centers for Disease Control currently advises park users not to use splash pads, playgrounds, or water park features.

Based on these recommendations, along with the financial considerations resulting from attendance limitations and sanitizing procedures set forth in Gov. JB Pritzker's signed Executive Order 2020-32, we believe it is in residents' best interest for the pool to remain closed.

In order to maintain the integrity of the new pool liner, installed in 2019, we are following cleaning and preparation procedures recommended by the installation company.

We recognize the pool is a favorite summer pastime. The decision to remain closed was not an easy one. While we have specific expertise in providing safe, clean, family-friendly facilities and programs for our residents we are not experts regarding communicable diseases and must, therefore, defer to the guidance of public health experts.

Obtaining a Fishing Permit for Tremont Lakes

We now have sales open for Tremont Lakes Fishing Permits via telephone and online. The instructions and options for purchasing a fishing permit are listed on our website: www.tremontpark.org.

The Lake areas are open for use following the social distancing guidelines set by the CDC as well as the rules and regulations posted. Rules and Regulations are posted at each of the lakes and can also be found on our website.

Parks and Lakes

At this time residents may use our park trails and walking areas following the CDC social distance guidelines. The public restroom facilities at both City and Cullinan Park are not currently open to public use.

Unfortunately at this time, By Executive Order of the Governor, all playground equipment is closed for use.

We will continue to post updates regarding our facilities and activities on our website: www.tremontpark.org.

The Tremont Park District looks forward to opening our services as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Village of Tremont Variance Hearing

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will conduct a Variance Hearing at 7:00 pm., Thursday, May 28, 2020 at the Tremont Community Center located at 216 S. Sampson St. Tremont, IL.

The purpose of this hearing is whether to grant:

The construction of a ground mount solar array within the Village of Tremont.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PIN # 12-12-18-407-040

Commonly Known as: 500 E. Pearl St. Tremont IL. 61568

PETITIONER is Tammy Dugger and Eagle Point Solar

All parties having an interest in this above matter are to attend said meeting, on the time and date at the location so specified above, to voice their concerns.

Respectfully,

Glen Gullette
Code Enforcement Officer
Village of Tremont

* This section will continue to provide suggestions for 'at-home' activities.

Monday

Take a moment to remember those who died serving our country.

Tuesday

Learn to juggle.

Wednesday

Complete a puzzle: The more pieces the better! Or take on a Rubik's Cube. More of a word person? Crossword puzzle.

Thursday

Finally read the rules to those long and intense board games you've never played with the family. Encourage the family to play.

Friday

Take a hike.

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities